

Senate Study Bill 1172

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HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to health care including reimbursement of health
2 care facilities based on resident program eligibility.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135C.31A ASSESSMENT OF RESIDENTS
1 2 == PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.
1 3 Beginning July 1, 2003, a health care facility receiving
1 4 reimbursement through the medical assistance program under
1 5 chapter 249A shall assist the Iowa commission of veterans
1 6 affairs in determining, prior to the initial admission of a
1 7 resident, the prospective resident's eligibility for benefits
1 8 through the federal department of veterans affairs. The
1 9 health care facility shall also assist the Iowa commission of
1 10 veterans affairs in determining such eligibility for residents
1 11 residing in the facility on July 1, 2003. The department
1 12 shall adopt rules to administer this section, including a
1 13 provision that ensures that if a resident is eligible for
1 14 benefits through the federal department of veterans affairs or
1 15 other third-party payor, the payor of last resort for
1 16 reimbursement to the health care facility is the medical
1 17 assistance program. This section shall not apply to the
1 18 admission of an individual to a state mental health institute
1 19 for acute psychiatric care.

1 20 EXPLANATION

1 21 This bill requires that a licensed health care facility
1 22 assist the Iowa commission of veterans affairs in determining,
1 23 prior to initial admission of a resident, the prospective
1 24 resident's eligibility for benefits through the United States
1 25 department of veterans affairs. The bill also requires that
1 26 the health care facility assist the Iowa commission of
1 27 veterans affairs in determining the eligibility of current
1 28 residents.

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